

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON AUTISM (ICA)
03/6/19 MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

Kara Downey, Isabelle Revira Green, Tina Andrews, Joseph Techminor, Glen Owens, Vince Winterling, Susan Veenema, Kellene Copeland, HarrietAnn Litwin, Brian Freedman, Brian Hall, Laura Dewey, Shebra Hall, Diane Pedicone, Chris Knox, Danielle Gumbs, Maria Locuniak, Annalisa Eckbladh

Community Events and Updates

Parent Information Center: offering the parent night as part of the Inclusion Conference; parent speaker will discuss accessible instructional materials (AIM)

DNEA will be supporting the Outside the Box Conference (low-incidence disability conference) on October 11-12 at Dover Downs. Families and professionals are encouraged to attend

DNEA will be partnering with the Autism and Law Enforcement Educational Coalition (ALEC) to support a train the trainer program for first responders & ASD

CDS- Application process for Spectrum Scholars is open. Members can contact Brian Freedman for more information.

Family needs report

76 new contacts reported this quarter

Families are calling with issues related to IEPs: families don't know how to request information and advocacy or sit through meeting with them and/or the District is suggesting an unwanted services. Autism DE sit and support family.

DSAMH Presentation

- PROMISE Program
 - Program started January 2018 to serve individuals in the least restrictive environment. Focused on those transitioning from PBH to DSAMH services
 - Aging out (18 plus)
 - Severe mental illness
 - Functional issues within the community
 - Have to choose to accept these services
 - Program comes from gaps in services seen during transition age
 - Offers: Peer supports, personal care supports
 - The team will: follow clients, provide advocacy, monitor services to make sure they are receiving appropriate services, review annual to make sure level of care is appropriate, review as necessary
 - Can start processing from age 17 ½
 - Work in partnership with DDDS for specific complicated cases

Quarterly Strategic Plan Update

- Educational Classification/Medical Diagnosis of ASD
 - DOE and DNEA are talking with stakeholders about the evaluation process
 - Developing tool box for educational classification process
 - Building Bridges is developing resource guides- to help families understand the medical evaluation/ educational classification process
 - The DNEA is partnering with the Thompson Center at the University of Missouri to develop a training on medical diagnosis of ASD
- Discussion on lack of ABA services- particularly in Western Sussex
- DNEA will connect ABC Consulting with Bayhealth to continue work on hospital initiative

Identifying Priorities

- Discussion on how to identify DNEA priorities and determination of when priorities are met
 - DNEA will create SMART goals for each priority and review with the ICA
 - Use logic models as a guide
 - Add a status update to DNEA priority update
- ICA members should also be identifying and reporting on activities
 - Discussion led by Brian Hall- ensuring the ICA is reviewing the Blueprint and reporting on its activities
 - How best to do this?

DNEA Funding

- DNEA was not given funding within Governor's draft budget
 - Next steps: Autism DE – reached out to Representative Jaques to talk about DNEA and 292 (meeting occurring tomorrow)
- Looking for ways to be creative with funding for next year
 - State agencies with federal grants
- DNEA Director
 - A few interviews are being set up with promising candidates
 - The ICA will be invited to candidate presentations